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2-3	*Estrella War Treaty Negotiations in Atenveldt* ⌘
9	QUEEN'S PRIZE TOURNEY *Unser Hafen* ○
16	ST GOLIAS FEAST DAY *St. Golias* ○
17	ESPERANZA ○

NOVEMBER

13-14	OUTLANDS CORONATION *Blaidduyn* ○
20-21	A DAY OF A&S AND TOYS FOR TOTS ○

DECEMBER

4-5	BONWICK TWELFTH NIGHT *Bonwick, Ansteorra* ○
4	CHANG'AN MARKET *Dragonsspine*
11	CAER GALEN MIDWINTER *Caer Galen*
18	AL-BARRAN MIDWINTER & WAR PRACTICE ○

⌘ attendance by His Excellency ❖ attendance by Her Excellency ○ attendance by Their Excellencies

From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings to the populace,

The seasons are changing, the camping nearly done, the leaves are falling, the feast-o-crats cooking, the tourneys are over, and Estrella draws nigh. Get your gear in order, your friends to the park, and make our foes tremble at our approach.

I'd like to thank the autocrats of Silver Pass for having such a wonderful event and going the extra mile to actually turn the pass silver for Sunday morning court, and also the good populace of Windkeep for hosting an excellent Crown Tournament. Congratulations to Their Royal Highnesses Abd al-Hakim ibn abd al-Rahman Shaddad al-Tomuki (Called Tomuki) and Beatrice Carmela Mercante (Called Beatricia). And a special Huzzah to Mistress Cailte on becoming the Windhover Bard.

For everyone that joined us at Baronial Champions, Huzzah! Great fighting, food, fun, and one of the best bardic circles I have ever attended. Congratulations to Sir Qara Gon (Baron's Champion), Baron Trevor (Protector of the Baronesses Heart), Lord Artroius Greyhawk (Champion Archer), Cornelius (Bard of al-Barran), and Master Gunwalt (Bearer of the Baronesses Favor) for their success, and many thanks to the former Champions for setting up the very interesting and entertaining competitions. To Lady Gabrielle, her deputy and coordinators, Lady Ahzlinn and all those that cooked, brewed, or brought food for Saturdays feast, all those that entered the A&S competitions, waterbearers, marshals, chirurgeons, everyone that "stuck" it out and helped people dry off, load up, and get off-site ...Thank you! The remaining tournaments, Premiere Blade and Master Swordsman, will be held at Esperanza on Sunday, October 17 at the park, so join us for an epic battle of good vs. evil, light vs. dark, less filling vs. tastes great.

If you would like to display items at Queen's Prize, make plans to join us for the Baronial investiture in Unser Hafen. We will have room if you would like us to you're your display but cannot attend. For something a bit closer to home, join us and our fun-loving neighbors in St. Golias for Feast Day on Saturday, October 16. Get a good meal and a good time to prepare yourself for battling evil at Esperanza on Sunday.

Several people who deserve a big THANK YOU:
Ld. Kovack and Lady Falha for donating the canvas and sewing the banner.
Mistress Rhianwen for taking the lead and getting the lettering completed at fighter practices.

All the volunteers who helped paint.

We wanted an SCA sign that could be put up at the park during fighter practice and this group of al-Barranian's came forth and made it happen. If you see any of these people, please stop and tell them thank you. We are planning to have the banner displayed at the SE or SW corner of fighter practice park by Sept. 26th. Again, Thank you all.

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We would also like to welcome, and thank, all of the handmaidens and pages that have helped or volunteered to help us and our retinue at events.
And on to War! Would you like to help... Organize the Baronial camp? Cook or serve the Baronial stew? Help herald, waterbear, or marshal? All of these things and more will be needed.

Long live al-Barran!

Ryan *Jana*

From the Seneschal

Greetings,

I would like to thank the autocrats and all those good gentles that helped make Baronial Champions such a success. If you missed this event it was truly wonderful, if not a bit soggy, and will be finished at Esperanza. I hope everyone had a great time in spite of the weather.

I would like to announce that we will be accepting letters of interest for the Hospitaller's office. Lady Isabella will be stepping down at Esperanza. If you are interested in this position, please submit letters to Their Excellencies and me by the end of October. This may be done through email, in person at fighter practice, or through traditional mail. I would like to thank Isabella for all her hard work in this challenging office.

In conclusion I would just like to take a moment to remind the populace to please leave a site cleaner than you found it. This includes fighter practice park. There have been reports of late that members of our group are leaving bits of trash in the park when they leave. Also, I was a bit surprised at Champions when I went to one of the portable toilets, by how many empty containers had been simply left inside. Please remember to check an area when you are finished, and help pick up trash that has been accidentally left behind. This will help us keep our excellent reputation with site owners. Thank you all for your help in this matter.

Yours in Service,
James David

From the Equestrian Marshall

Greetings equestrians of al-Barran!

It has been several years that I have been the contact for equestrian activities in the barony and I now find it time to hand the reins over to someone else. It is my desire to withdraw from this 'position' and to ask if anyone is interested in organizing it in my stead. It will involve finding a new site, (preferably free and large enough for high speed events) arranging dates and obtaining insurance, and organizing marshals to be in attendance.

If no one comes to me before December 1st, I want to reassure everyone that we are not going away, just 'underground'. Practices will not be insured or sanctioned by the SCA and so will be spontaneous and by word of mouth.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to this mighty Barony whose populace has been so gracious and supportive of equestrian activities over the years. Thank you!

In Service,
THL Dubheasa

From the Quartermaster

Greetings my Lords and Ladies,

My name is Natasha MacDuff and I would like to announce that I am the incoming Quartermaster of al-Barran. I would like to also introduce my Deputy Quartermaster, Bjorn ThunarWin. As the quartermaster I will provide an inventory list on-line of whats available in the keep on the Quartermaster's web page by October 1st.

Those good gentlefolk who need to check out items from the keep must contact me by e-mail or phone two weeks prior to any event or demo to ensure sufficient time is given to make arrangements. Please respect that the quartermasters office is only in charge of checking items in or out from the keep. The office is not required to haul items to and from events. However, I may make hauling arrangements (depending on the situation) with those who are willing to work with my schedule and be willing to cover all gas expenses to and from the event.

I would like to take the time to thank my deputies, Bjorn, Kassar, J.T., Snip, Mary, Wego, and Roxanne for all their hard work helping me clean out and organize the keep. I would like to give special thanks to Kassar and Bjorn for helping me get the baronial gear to and from Champions.

If anyone has any items which need to be returned to the keep contact me so arrangements can be made to have them delivered. I look forward to serving the populace of al-Barran. Long live the Baron and Baroness!

In service to the dream,
Natasha of Crimson

From the Arts and Sciences Minister

Hello everyone,

October is here and with it colder weather brings our park classes to a close. We have two classes left one at the beginning of the month and one at the end.

ARTS IN THE PARK CLASSES

All classes will begin around 1:00 pm unless otherwise specified.

Oct. 3rd	Origami; THL OEngus of Greymist
Oct. 24th	Liqueurs; Lady Danica

I would like to thank all of my teachers and all those who came out to enjoy the lovely weather of our park. The response has been very good and all classes had between 3 and 12 participants. I think we will definitely try to do this again next summer.

I have a new deputy that will each month have previewed some web sites that may be of interest to the barony. If anyone ever finds some that they think everyone will like please contact my new deputy Lady Tessa de Strathairn. This month we have a few:
www.wymarc.com
www.crossstich.about.com
www.unm.edu/~medinst/resources/weblinks/webviking.html
www.dragonbear.com/dp/dp01.html

Thank you Tessa.

At Champions we had a few arts competitions and I am pleased to post the winners here. The Scroll Competition was swept by Lord Michael McQuillan of Blackthorne, The new Bard of al-Barran is Cornelius, Brewing competition will be announced at Esperanza, Scorpion in any medium: populace choice: Nikka; Baroness' choice: Lady Emer; most animated: retinue and seneschal.

Congratulations to the new Windover Bard Mistress Cailte!

October is once again a project list month please email me or hand me a list of everything done from July to September. The things to be included in the report should be the complete name of the person and a list of projects. Here is an example of the format I prefer this is Baroness Tana's list from last quarter.

Tana a l'Esprit Fort
-2, 13th c. mens & womans black velvet surcote w/ gold appliqué
-2, 13th c. mens and womans white tunic w/ black bands of gold threaded crisscross trim on arm, wrist and around hem: Baroness Emma of Essex beaded the bands of trim.
-1 pair of Middle Eastern paints w/ beaded trim
-1 veil
-1 Middle Eastern under shift.
-6 silk pendant banners

Coming up in Arts:

Regular activities:

Gammer Gurton's Needle Mondays 239-3196 for location and subject
Singing with Lord Tancred Tuesdays 6:30 (268-4994)
Armor workshops with Master Tore Thursday 6:00-9:00 (281-5694)
Weaving Knowledge and exchange with Lady Monika the Fair
3rd Friday of the month (323-5569)
Court Dancing and Scorpions Scales Sundays during fighter practice

Events:

Oct 9th - Queens Prize
Oct 17th - Esperanza there will be an Arts Competition
The theme is Good VS Evil any medium and there will be a food competition to help offset the potluck donation lunch
Oct 30th - Dance Macabre Caer Galen
Nov 20th & 21st - Day of A&S including baronial A&S champion and Toys for Tots Toymaker Competition (entrants choice of entry being donated as prize for children's activities)
Dec 18th-19th - Midwinter Prizes for period garb, table settings, etc.

THL A'isha

From the Waterbearer

Greeting,

As War is approaching, I'm going to start stocking up on 2-litter bottles. If you have them, please get them to either myself or Natasha McDuff, the Quartermaster. Thank you! Also, as many of you have probably noticed, we've switched to using pop-tops instead of the sucky tubes. I'd like any input you have on whether you like the change or not. Please send input to waterbearer@al-barran.org.

Thank you again!!

Cerelle de Seyntlegger

From the Webmistress

Greetings unto all,

The following are the statistics from the al-Barran website for the month of August:

Overall accesses	27,639	Champions page	81
Overall visits	2,540	Midwinter	56
Homepage accesses	680	Esperanza	47
Homepage visits	321		

Don't forget to send me pictures that you'd like to see up on the website.

Lady Melody

From the Scorpion Pursuivant

Greetings unto the populace of the Barony of al-Barran and all who come by these letters from THL Pendar the Bard, Scorpion Pursuivant.

I neglected to submit a report to the Shaft last month. My apologies for the oversight. I will try to be more consistent in the future.

At Lonely Mountain Defender in July, 2004, Their Excellencies Ryan and Tana, Baron and Baroness of al-Barran, gave out the following awards:

Hammer of al-Barran: Thomas Winterbourne of Ghent
Scorpion of al-Barran: Kragon of Land's End

Court was conducted by THL Charles Robert Blackstone who stepped in for me when I took my family home from the event because my son, Iannan, had gotten altitude sickness at the event. My sincerest thanks to Charles for covering for me and my apologies to Their Excellencies for not fulfilling my duties. (I know they understand. They sent me home. :)

At the Champions of al-Barran event on Saturday, September 18, 2004, Their Excellencies Ryan and Tana, Baron and Baroness of al-Barran, gave out the following awards:

Desert Fawn: Elizabeth the Waterbearer
Hammer of al-Barran: Kassar Nacoy
Scorpion of al-Barran: Fermina Caballo
Heart of the Scorpion: Cailte Caitchairn

Congratulations to everybody who received awards at these events. Huzzah!

I was once again assisted in court by Æthelwulf of Golias. He read the scrolls aloud for me and even correctly pronounced the name of the winner of the Cupid's Lord competition, which I would have struggled with. He did all this after spending the day crying the camp and conducting tournaments. A truly remarkable herald.

I have two new deputies. Ceolwen aet Axanbrycge and Geoffrey fitz Robert. Neither is yet specializing in one area of heraldry.

I would like to send out a call for a herald with one specific duty; shopping. My own personal heraldic library is more than sufficient for my needs as Scorpion, but when I step down the next Scorpion Pursuivant may need to draw from the Barony's resources. While I am Scorpion, and can foresee what my successor might need, I intend to build a heraldic library for the Scorpion office. Unfortunately, I do not have the time to shop in bookstores and online for the best deals on the books I need to get. So I am in need of a "shopping deputy" who is willing to spend the Barony's money on books for the heralds office. Any volunteers can contact me by phone, e-mail, or at fighter practice.

The two Letters of Acceptance and Return from the Laurel office received since my last report to the Shaft were from the Laurel meetings held in March and April 2004. The following submissions from al-Barran were ACCEPTED by the College of Arms in March 2004:

Gabriel de Morland. Name.
Geoffrey fitz Robert. Device change. Quarterly azure and gules, a cross

argent between four compass stars Or. His previous device, *Per fess azure and gules, mullety of eight [sic] Or, a bordure argent*, is released.
Odile Balestra. Name and device. Quarterly azure and argent, two natural seahorses argent.

The following submissions from al-Barran were RETURNED by the College of Arms in March 2004. Please see me at your earliest convenience for consultation on your resubmission:

Gabriel de Morland. Device.

The following submissions from al-Barran were ACCEPTED by the College of Arms in April 2004:

Cathyn Fitzgerald: Reblazon of badge. (Fieldless) A cross flory gules within and conjoined to an annulet sable.
Gauvain Eisenbein: Device. Vairy en point erminois and azure, a bordure gules.

There were no returns from al-Barran submissions on the April LoAR.
Congratulations to all whose names and devices have been registered! I hope they help me encourage everybody to register their names and armory.

In Service,
THL Pendar the Bard

From the Mistress of the Lists

Greetings to the great populous of al-Barran,

I hope everyone had as much fun as I did at Champions, and first I would like to say congratulations to Sir Qara Gan, the new Baron's Champion and HE Sir Alexander Eriksson Trevor who is the new Protector of the Baroness' Heart. We had 14 entrants for the Baron's Champion, which was run as double elimination tourney in which no shields were allowed. There were 13 entrants for Protector of the Baroness' Heart, which as run as a single elimination tourney. This tourney was especially interesting as the only kill shot was a direct strike to a picture of a heart worn on the chest and was great fun to watch. Unfortunately the Master Swordsman Tourney and Premier Blade Tourney were rained out. These two tourneys will be held at Esperanza, so I hope to see as many of you as possible at these tourneys. Finally I would like to thank all those good gentles who helped me so much. Thank you to Ander Reyes for looking up the shaft subscriptions and help running the list and thank you to the wonderful young ladies who ran cards for me. Finally thank you to all the good gentles who ran messages for me and helped answer all my questions and their excellencies for all their suggestions, all of you made list a most pleasant experience.

In service,
Lady Emery de Fittun

From the Chronicler

Greetings unto all,

Champions of al-Barran was absolutely wonderful for the Baronial Shaft. Total subscriptions bought at Champions was 23. Since then I have also received 4 more subscriptions. Thank you all for your new subscription or renewal. I want to express my deepest gratitude to all those that helped taking subscriptions on Friday and Saturday at Champions. A few of these people are Roma, Anders Reyes and everyone who helped in running Troll. Many, many thank you's to all who helped make my day-tripping to Champions much easier.

Please don't forget that due to the cancellation of Sunday events at Champions, the Master Swordsman and the Premier Blade tournaments will be held at Esperanza. I or my deputy, Y Port Lairge, will be in attendance at Esperanza and will be happy to take new subscriptions or renewals for the Baronial Shaft for those without one and wishing to enter in these wonderful tournaments. Don't forget that the Arts and Science Champions competition will be held at a Day of A&S in November, so this is yet another opportunity to get your subscription started or renewed. And needless to say (but we'll say it anyway), I am at Fighter Practice most Sundays, and ready to start your subscriptions or take your renewals then.

The Phone Directory was sent out earlier this week, at long last! Unfortunately you will find some errors, a database for the phone directory was newly set up and we are still fine tuning it. Also due to my computer crashing it seems some of the information was lost, which I have just found out about. I would like people to please inform me of the errors to their entry so that we can correct this in the database and get a new phone directory out in the beginning of the year or shortly after Estrella War. As I get the errors fixed, I will try and publish in the Baronial Shaft the corrections for names, phone number, and email addresses. Due to the extreme amount of time it took to get this directory together I decided it should be published even if there were major errors, thus any blame for these errors being printed is mine alone.

Thank you, Michael for another wonderful Pony World cartoon. I wonder who will be the subject next month? I'll leave you with that to ponder.

Kathws

Estrella War

Its been a lovely summer, and now its August, time to starting working on your A&S projects for war. The Categories for Arts and Sciences at Estrella War are:

-European Dance— (see the court dance article for info on this)
-Storage Containers in any media *(no clothing accessories)*
-Archery equipment

This is also the time to start attending fighter practice, now is the time to start those war practices, why wait until full autumn is upon us.

Estrella War coordinators are needed, contact the Seneschal or Their Excellencies about being a coordinator. WAR!

Regular Activities

CITIZENS MEETING

Held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm at The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. *Directions:* Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit. Turn South onto Eubank. Continue on Eubank past Central and turn left onto Southern Ave. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth, parking is on the back side. *Contact: Master James David 830-6904.*

Fighter Practice

Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, at Bataan Park; Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Lord Badai 242-6735*

Rapier Practice

Sunday afternoons, at Bataan Park; Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Don Coinneach 343-8362*

Westside Fighter Practice

First and third Saturdays from 9am to 11am, at Paradise Hills Park near the Northeast corner by the skate park. *Directions to the Park:* Take Paseo Del Norte west to Golf Course Road. Go Right on Golf Course to Paradise. Turn Left (West) on Paradise. Take Paradise past Lyon/Unser to the park (It's on the right hand side of the road). *Contact: Lord Vlad 344-0094.*

Archery Practice

Held on every Saturday of each month. Practice starts at 10 am, please be sure to arrive early so we can get the paperwork filled out and practice started on time. The practice range is at Master Tore's & Dona Sylvia's home in the Tijeras area. *Contact: Oengus of Greymist for directions and additional information by email at archery@al-barran.org*

Al-Barran Equestrian Practice

Practices are held starting at 11:00 am on the first and third Saturdays of each month. *Please contact the Equestrian Marshal; Lady Dubheasa at 730-3999 or email equestrian@al-barran.org for directions to the site and any other information.*

Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice

Held on Wednesdays starting at 6:00 pm. Fighter practice is now held in front of Carlisle Gym. Directions: Go west from Redondo Rd and Yale and turn right into the first parking lot, traverse the length of the parking lot and to the right: go up between Northup hall and Carlisle Gym. Fighter practice will be on the left. Please note: According to the UNM Parking website they will be enforcing parking regulations until 8 pm.

Newcomers Household

Newcomer's for October will meet at 5912 Aspen NE (SW corner of Aspen and San Pedro) to view *The Lion in Winter.* THL Delia has graciously invited us into her home with a BIG screen TV for this month's meeting. Questions?

Contact Elisheva at 872-2711 or dchssheva@aol.com

What son is it that has not been born and will never be born, and yet is named a son?

Answer on page 16

October Calendar of Events

1-3	WAR FOR THE STAKED PLAINS *Scorpion's Hollow*
2-3	ESTRELLA WAR TREATY NEGOTIATIONS *Attenveldt*
9	QUEEN'S PRIZE TOURNEY *Unser Hafen*
9	*Lief Erikson Day*
14	*New Moon*
16	SAINT GOLIAS FEAST DAY *St. Golias*
17	ESPERANZA
19	Citizen's Meeting Articles for the Baronial Shaft Due
28	*New Moon*
31	*Halloween*

The Gaulish Calendrical Tablet, the Coligny Calendar, the month of October–November was called Samonios or Seed-Fall, referring to the falling nuts and seed cases of Autumn.

The Coligny Calendar was found in 1897 in Coligny. Dated to the first century AD it depicts a complex collation of meteorological information to form a series of lunar months, making up a thirty– year system comprising five cycles of sixty-two lunation sets and one sixty one lunation to complete it. It shows lucky and unlucky days and give Gaulish names for the lunar months. The beginning of a lunar year begins in the Autumn with Samhain that starts at sun set on October 31st.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Regular Activities listings More information on the regular activities is located on pages 13&16. Also check out the Minister of A&S' letter for the other A&S opportunities.					1	2 Archery, Equestrian & Westside Fighter
3 -Fighter & Rapier Practice	4 Gammer Gurton's Needle	5	6 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	7	8	9 Archery
10 -Fighter & Rapier Practice	11 Gammer Gurton's Needle	12 Newcomer's Household Meeting	13 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	14	15 Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshop	16 Archery, Equestrian & Westside Fighter
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Regular Activities

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Scorpion Scales, music group

Founded to provide atmosphere and live accompaniment to court dancing at feasts and events. Come join the al-Barran court dance musicians; instrumentalists interested in playing live music for court dancing, please consider attending. The idea is to have available live court musicians instead of using the CD player at some events. Please visit our website: **http://www.geocities.com/shiao_mei17/sscales.html** to download current music to practice. Meetings will be held on Thursdays at 7:30 pm, at Lady Melody's house. *Please contact: Lady Melody at lockgen1@aol.com for further information.*

Singing Group Practice—NEW!

A new singing group is forming, if you are interested in learning and singing period songs this is the group for you. More info on page 12. If you are interested in being a member of this singing group or wish further information, please contact Lady Barbara at krege@aps.edu or 293-7453.

Gammer Gurton's Needle

The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. Check out the article for current meeting place and monthly focus on the page 26. *Contact: Lady Rosamond at 865-9082 or ldyrosamond@msn.com OR Delia the Rose of Thorncastle at 232-7946 or HLDelia@aol.com.*

Arts and Sciences Knowledge Exchange and Workshops

Topics to include: felting, lampwork beads, stone carving, soap, leather, conserves, cooking and much more. To meet on the 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 pm at 10417 Palo Verde Place NW. *Contact: Lady Skia 344-0094 for more information, when a workshop is happening and directions.*

Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops

The study & application of all types of weaving & it's history. Third Friday of every month at 7 pm at Lady Monika's house. *Contact: Lady Monika the Fair at 323-5569 for more information and directions.*

al-Barran Youth, Parents, & Interested Adults Discussion List--NEW!

This team will be having regularly scheduled team meetings to discuss youth activities, plans and other matters concerning youth and parents. Our next meeting will be at 2:30pm, at the Esperanza V event at Bataan Park on Sunday, 10/17. There is also a local discussion list for al-Barran youth, parents, and volunteers for youth activities. To join this free discussion list, go to www.yahoogroups.com and search for the group *al-Barran_Youth_and_Parents.*

Answer

'Mac alla'

Or

son of a cliff, which is Gaelic for 'an echo."

Eleanor and The Troubadours

This midwinter is set in the time of Eleanor and the Troubadours. Before becoming queen (first of France and then of England) Eleanor was Duchess of Aquitaine, in southern France. Twelfth century French culture was quite vibrant. The influence of the south spread throughout the country, and after Eleanor became queen of England it also slightly influenced England. The dominant social features descriptive of this time were the troubadours and the courts of love. The lais of Marie de France were compiled at this time. These parable-like stories presented and supported the ideal of the rules of love. Most of us are familiar with the 'rules of love' of the courts of love. These rules set limits and guides for lovers at a time when most noble marriages were arranged and lasted for life. These rules, which put most of the power over the duration and intensity of a relationship in the hands of the woman, offered a counter to the law in which women had decreasing control over their own lives. The 'rules of love' were not a single canonical set. Andreas Capellanus gives both 12 and 31 rules in the same book. Capellanus wrote *De arte honeste amandi* (*The Art of Honest Love*, also called the *Art of Courtly Love*). From the first chapter come the 12 rules of love which are often sited in modern references. They are:

I. Thou shalt avoid avarice like the deadly pestilence and shalt embrace its opposite.

II. Thou shalt keep thyself chaste for the sake of her whom thou lovest.

III. Thou shalt not knowingly strive to break up a correct love affair that someone else is engaged in.

IV. Thou shalt not choose for thy love anyone whom a natural sense of shame forbids thee to marry.

V. Be mindful completely to avoid falsehood.

VI. Thou shalt not have many who know of thy love affair.

VII. Being obedient in all things to the commands of ladies, thou shalt ever strive to ally thyself to the service of Love.

VIII. In giving and receiving love's solaces let modesty be ever present.

IX. Thou shalt speak no evil.

X. Thou shalt not be a revealer of love affairs.

XI. Thou shalt be in all things polite and courteous.

XIII. In practicing the solaces of love thou shalt not exceed the desires of thy lover.

One way to bring the feel of these ideas into the upcoming midwinter might be to bring tokens to gift to those who are polite and courteous (XI) or honest (V), positive (IX), etc.

-*Anne Alliz*

Prince John—Poor John. Who says poor John? Don't everybody sob at once! My God, if I went up in flames there's not a living soul who'd pee on me to put the fire out!
Prince Richard—Let's strike a flint and see.
— *The Lion in Winter*

Feast Day of Saint Golias

College of Saint Golias
October 16, AS XXXIX (2004)
New Mexico Tech Athletic Field
801 Leroy Place, Socorro, NM 87801
Site fee only: adult $5, children 3-12 $3,
children under 3 no charge
Site & Feast fee: adult $12, children 3-12 $6,
children under 3 no charge
NM Tech students will receive a $2 discount on site fee.
Family cap of $30
Site is DRY, no pets please

Unto all fine gentles of these fair Outlands does the College of Saint Golias send warmest greetings!

Twenty-seven years have we of this fine College dedicated ourselves to the most honorable pursuits of our Patron Saint. Many great endeavors have we undertaken in our sacred quest for the finest Wine, Women and Song. Upon the Sixteenth Day of October we welcome all good gentles to celebrate with us the Feast Day of Saint Golias, and to share the fruits of our labors.

The celebration will commence at 10:00 am on the New Mexico Tech Athletics Field with a game tourney, since it was ever Saint Golias' duty to spread the knowledge of dice, cards and other such challenges of wit and skill. Following the merriment, fierce combat shall commence to determine the new Defender of Saint Golias, as well as our Patron Saint's First Blade.

The evening would not be complete without feast and frolic, and both shall be had at the Socorro Holiday Inn Express Convention Center (1100 N. California Street, directions will be available during the day).

Alas, our feast, frolic and tourney sites are dry; therefore, the most honorable pursuits of Saint Golias will be heartily celebrated at the after-revel following (site to be announced at the feast).

Directions to the site, a map, a menu, and a full schedule of events will be provided on the website at: www.nmt.edu/~golias/feastday.html

To best join our merriment and reserve your place at our table, please mail your *prepaid* reservation to Flainn Raighne (Matthew McCleary), 99A Bosquecito Road, San Antonio, NM 87832.

For concerns about the celebration of Saint Golias, please contact the Autocrat, Lord Sveinn Grimarsson (Adam Milner) carmaic@nmt.edu

Please direct inquiries concerning the Feast of Saint Golias to the Lady Auria (Mandy McCleary), (505) 838-0590, 99A Bosquecito Road, San Antonio, NM

Esperanza V

Barony of al-Barran
Sunday, October 17th, AS XXXIX (2004)
Bataan Park, Albuquerque, NM
Site opens at 9:00am and Closes at 6:00pm
Event is FREE

For untold centuries, the armies of good and evil have been locked in a bloody war for dominion over humanity. Which side are you on? Are you good or just good at being evil?

Yes, it's true, our Esperanza theme is good vs. evil this year, and to enter either the rapier or heavy tournaments, you must present yourself to Their Excellencies and convince them that you wield your blade for the cause of good. Or, who knows? You just might be their kind of evil...

We will once again be having our annual Esperanza A&S competition, and in keeping with the theme, your entry should reflect your allegiance to the cause of good. Or again, that you're just good at being evil...

This is a free event, but there will be a donation lunch. Either bring a dish to share, or make a donation to your barony and enjoy the food. Also, we will uphold our new found Esperanza tradition and have a culinary competition, with the categories being 'most period,' 'baroness's choice,' and 'populace choice.' All three winners have a pretty sweet prize waiting for them.

And just a reminder...the site is incredibly, horrifically, irrefutably, understandably, inconsiderably, and devastatingly (cough) DRY.

You know what you must do. Rally to the banners and the bell, draw your rapiers, spears and axes, the cause of good needs defending! Well, you *are* good aren't you? Right?

Directions to site: Take your best route to Albuquerque, New Mexico. From I-40, take the Carlisle exit and head south. Keep going until you reach Lomas (there will be a Walgreens on the northwest corner), and take a right. Bataan Park is immediately on your right, between the streets of Amherst and Tulane. From I-25, take the Lomas exit, (which is south of I-40) and head east (towards the mountains). You will pass University, then Girard. Just before Carlisle, you will see the park on your left, between Amherst and Tulane.

Autocrat: Lord Michael McQuillan of Blackthorne (Glenn Clayburn)
(505)332-9213, (ponyboy314@comcast.net)

Coronation

College of Blaiddwyn
November 13-14, AS XXXIX (2004)
Student Union Building Ballroom University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, NM 87131
Site Only: $10 (+$3 non-member surcharge)
Site & Feast: $25 (+$3 non-member surcharge)
The site is DRY. Don't even bring unopened alcohol on site.

Autocrat: Lord Gauvain Eisenbein (Jeff King) phone: (505) 385-4110; email: gauvain_eisenbein@yahoo.com

The College of Blaiddwyn is honored to be able to host Fall AS XXXIX Coronation. The majority of the event will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the University of New Mexico's Student Union Building. We hope to hold a memorable Coronation that will be new and fresh and remembered for years to come.

Reservations/Crash Space: Adelina Marie de Castile
(Jennifer Burroughs)
(505) 710-1767
adelina_marie_de_castile@yahoo.com

Send paid reservations to: Society for Creative Anachronism
c/o Student Government Accounting Office
Student Union 1018 Box 54
MSC03 2210
1 University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, NM 87131

Make checks payable to: UNM-SCA College of Blaiddwyn
(The "UNM-SCA" is very important!)

Reservations must be received by November 5, 2004. Please include the mundane and SCA name of all members in the party, as well as a phone number for the person making the reservation. Please be prepared to show proof of membership at Troll to avoid the non-member surcharge. The number of feast seats available will be based on the number of reservations recieved, so if you would like to eat with the new King & Queen, please reserve your space now.

We have negotiated a block rate of $59/night at the Albuquerque Courtyard Marriott. This is a beautiful hotel close to the site at a good rate. Further information can be found at:
http://marriott.com/ABQCA

Hotel reservations can be made by calling (505) 843-6600. Be sure to request a reservation in the "SCA Room Block".
Parking at UNM is always a bit tricky, but we will have several parking options available to fit everyone's needs. These and other details will be posted as they are available on the event web site:
http://www.unm.edu/~sca/coronation.html

Toys for Tots and A Day of A&S

Barony of Al-Barran
November 20 and 21, AS XXXIX (2004)

Day of A&S site:

Highland High School, 4700 Coal Ave. SE, Albuquerque, NM
Site opens: November 20th at 8am; closes November 20th at 10pm
Site Fees: $5 OR a toy for adult members and $8 for adults who are not members OR a toy and the $3 nonmember charge. Youth (17-6YO) will $3 OR a toy, and children 5 years old and under are free.

Toys for Tots site:

Bataan Memorial Park, Albuquerque, NM
Site opens November 21st at 9am; closes November 21st at 4pm
Site Fee: Free

To all good gentles who come by these letters, Greetings.
The kids are waiting! Are you ready?

The time is fast approaching for al-Barran's annual Toys for Tots Tournament. On Sunday, November 21st, the annual Toys for Tots Tournament will be held at Bataan Memorial Park, in al-Barran. There will be a Heavy weapons Tournament, a Rapier tournament, food for all, and prizes for the tournament victors. The event will begin at 9:00 am and continue till 4:00 pm. Besides the Martial activities, there will be a prize for the most toys gathered by an individual and by a group.

The toys raised are going to go to kids who might not have much of a Holiday, due to whatever reason. These toys go to kids in the local area, and they do appreciate the effort, so lets get going and get those toys for the kids.

On Saturday, November 20th, al-Barran will be holding an Arts and Sciences Collegium, Baronial A&S Champion competition, and court dance ball from 9am to 10pm. There will be several tracks of A&S classes, including performing arts, fiber arts, scribal arts, and much, much more from 9am to 5pm. A donation lunch will be available and there will be entertainment during lunch. The A&S competition for the new A&S Champion for al-Barran will be held during the day using a tri fold format to display for this competition. You must have a subscription to the Shaft in order to enter and Shaft subscriptions may be purchased at this event. Documentation for the competition is not required but recommended. There will also be supervised activities for the children and youth throughout the collegium, 9am to 5pm. In addition, a court dance ball will be held Saturday evening from 7 to 10pm. The site fee will be $5 OR a toy for adult members and $8 for adults who are not members OR a toy and the $3 nonmember charge. Gate fee for youth 17 to 6 years old will $3 OR a toy, and children 5 years old and under are free.

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Directions to Toys for Tots on Sunday at Bataan Memorial Park:
From the north and south: take I-25 to the Lomas exit, go east (towards the mountains) on Lomas, passing 3 traffic lights, turn left before the 4th light (Carlisle), Park is on the left.
From the East and West: take I-40 to Carlisle exit, go south on Carlisle, passing 2 traffic lights, turning right onto Lomas Ave. Make an Immediate right. Park is on the left.

Directions to the Day of A&S on Saturday at Highland High School cafeteria:
From the East and west; take I-40 to the San Mateo exit, head South past Central Blvd, just past the Wal-Mart turn right on Highland St. Go to the end of that street, turn right, go to the stop sign, turn left onto Coal, the School is on your left, and the cafeteria is at the west end of the campus.
From North and South; take I-25 to I-40 east, take the San Mateo exit south, and follow the above instructions.

Autocrat for Toys for Tots: Lord Morgan at (505) 228-7209 or duckie6469@yahoo.com
Deputy Autocrat for the A&S Collegium and Court Dance Ball: Lady Barbara, at 293-7453 or krege@aps.edu

Teachers Wanted for A Day of Arts & Sciences

We are looking for Teachers. We would like science classes as well as classes in the arts. If you are interested in teaching an A&S class, please contact Lady Barbara at krege@aps.edu or 293-7453.

Baronial Arts & Science Champion

November 20th A Day of A&S and Court Dance Ball

It is time to choose a new Arts and Science Champion for al-Barran. The only requirement to enter is you must have a subscription to the Shaft. The subscriptions and list for the competition will be available from 9:00 -11:00 after that judging will commence.

Sir Qara Gan of Fontaine has already decided to send an army of Fontaine artisans to take this last championship away from us. We can not allow this they have already seized the positions of Baron's Champion and Champion Archer. People of al-Barran rise up and protect this position from the creeping invaders. Prepare your displays, mark your calendars, purchase toys for the gate and make ready for a wonderful day.

Judging for the competition will be Her Excellency Tana and a panel of commentators. They will not be requiring documentation but it will improve your chances of becoming A&S Champ. Other things that will improve your chances are if you have been in other competitions or Queen's Prizes, multiple displays, and Science displays.

al-Barran Midwinter and War Practice

Barony of al-Barran
December 18 and 19, AS XXXIX (2004)
Midwinter site:
NM State Fairgrounds, 4-H Bldg,
San Pedro and Lomas, Albuquerque, NM
Midwinter fees: Adults (12 & up): Site only - $10.00; Feast - $5.00
Children (age 4 – 11): Site only - $5.00; Feast - $3.00
Children 3 and under – No charge
War Practice site:
Bataan Park, Lomas & Carlisle, Albq., NM War Practice site is free
Autocrat: THL Connor Graham (Joe Roberts) lord_connor_graham@yahoo.com 505-379-8226
Feast Steward: Mistress Cailte Caitchairn (Kat Roberts) karobert@unm.edu 505-401-2005
Online reservation form will be available on al-Barran Midwinter Website 10/04.
Mail reservations to: SCA-al-Barran, P. O. Box 27676, Albq., NM 87125 Attn: Midwinter
Reservations must be postmarked no later than 12/08/04. Remember, the only good reservation is a paid reservation. Make checks payable to *SCA-al-Barran*

NOTE: All alcohol consumed at the fest site MUST be purchased from onsite vendor.
The site for War Practice is free and bone-dry.

Come join Their Excellencies Ryan and Tana and celebrate good friends, good food and good song. Gather in beautiful al-Barran as we enjoy Christmas in the Time of the Troubadours. The hall is decorated with greenery, the Yule log burns, carols waft through the air, the spiced wine simmers, men whisper of Eleanor's famed beauty, women listen enraptured to tales of Richard in the Holy Land, and troubadours fill the hall with song. We take our cue from England and France in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries and the holiday traditions of that time.

Bards and troubadours will entertain you throughout the day with music and song. Vendors will be plying their wares. After court, enjoy European and Middle Eastern dancing. Join us early in the day to light the Yule Log and sing carols. THLord Gonner will host a gaming room in the Tavern area during the day and evening.

Since we are celebrating not only the season, but the Court of Love as well, all good gentles are encouraged to bring some token to reward the courtly behavior of a fellow reveler. In a similar vein, the finest dress and table settings will be acknowledged with suitable tokens.

A delicious feast will be served at 3:00 p.m. featuring the following:

First course: tart of salmon, pickled vegetables, pate, herbed cheese, stuffed eggs, toasts, bread and butter.

Second course: venyson in broth (beef/venison stew), boore in brassey (pork stew) roasted root vegetables, littiu with fruit (oatmeal/fruit pudding).

Third Course: broth of thyme with croutons.

Fourth Course: hens in the Lombard manner (with --or without for dietary concerns-- bacon), rhys stondynge with wardonys in syryp (rice and pears), French iowtes (peas).

Dessert: a groaning board of tarts, wafres, small cakes and fruits to be served after court.

Please contact the Feast Steward, Mistress Cailte, with any menu questions or concerns.

Join us Sunday for a rousing WAR practice at Bataan Park, exact time to be announced at a later date as the winter weather settles.

Farmington Renn Fair Demo

Barony of Fontaine dans Sable
Farmington, NM
October 17& 18, AS XXXIX (2004)

Hello from Fontaine dans Sable,

As Autocrat for our October 17 & 18 Farmington Renn Fair Demo, I would like to place an invitation to our brothers and sisters in Al-Barran to join us for two days of fighting, playing, crafts demonstrating, bardic, and revelry.

To the wonderful populace of Al Barran from your playful cousins in Fontaine dans Sable, an invitation is extended to join us for our annual Renn Fair Demo. This year the fair will be two days, Oct. 17, Saturday and Oct. 18, Sunday. Camping space is available. Scheduled this year are heavy and light tournaments, arts and sciences demonstrations, a Saturday night bardic followed by "The Tynkers Gone Bad" Revel, period games, a 4-H petting zoo, and much, much, more.

Fighters interested in competing in the tournaments who have submitted or approved devices, please contact me ASAP to have your device placed on the tournament board.

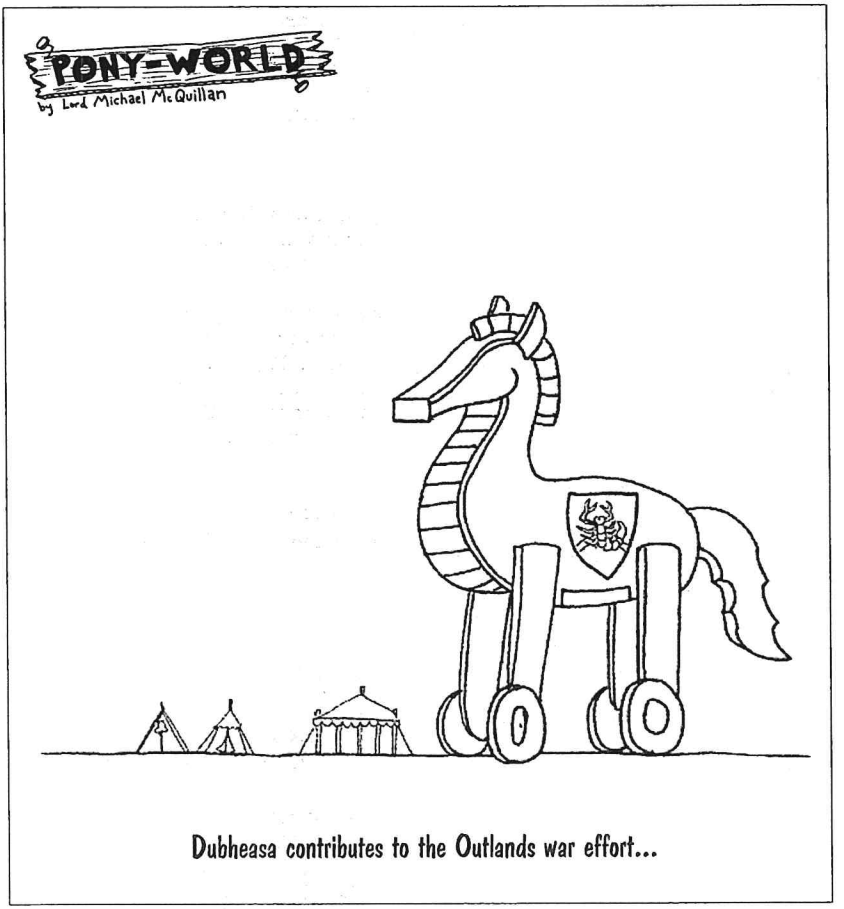
Michelette MacRae
505-860-5195
michellet@doh.state.nm.us
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fontainedansable/

A New Singing Group

Two of my favorite memories and experiences in the SCA was going to Mistress AElfled's house several years ago and also to Lady Danica's house another year to learn and practice period songs for two different mid-Winter events. Several individuals are interested in forming a new singing group to learn and sing period songs at events. These songs would be along the same lines as the songs sung at Mistress AElfled's and Lady Danica's and are not the type of songs that are normally sung at Bardics. If you are interested in being a member of this singing group or wish further information, please contact Lady Barbara at krege@aps.edu or 293-7453

Newcomers Household

Newcomer's for October will meet at 5912 Aspen NE (SW corner of Aspen and San Pedro) to view *The Lion in Winter.* THL Delia has graciously invited us into her home with a BIG screen TV for this month's meeting. Questions? Call Elisheva at 872-2711



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Mid-Winter Entertainment

If you are interested in entertaining at al-Barran's Mid-Winter, please contact Lady Barbara at krege@aps.edu or 293-7453.

Gammer Gurton's Needle

Congratulations to Lady Gytha for winning 2nd place at the State Fair for her nalbinding mittens!

This month's meetings for Gammer Gurton's Needle will be held at The Honorable Lady Delia, the Rose of Thorncastle's house (Deborah Meeks-Nixon). Her address is 5914 Aspen NE. Her house is on the SW corner of the intersection of Aspen and San Pedro, between Indian School and Constitution. Her phone is 232-7946 for any questions. We will begin a special class on Period Bobbin Lace this month taught by Rosamond. She will provide bobbins and a pillow for anyone who needs them but asks that anyone interested please contact her ahead of the class.

Contacts: Rosamond de Preston-865-9082 or ladyrosamond@abqbooks.com or Delia the Rose of Thorncastle at 232-7946 or HLDelia@aol.com .
Website: http://www.themissingpiece.com/ggn/

"My fair long straight needle, that was mine only treasure. The first day of my sorrow is. And last of my pleasure" -from the play, The Loss of Gammer Gurton's Needle, 1575.

Court Dancing

Court Dance Practices are scheduled for Sundays, October 17 and 24, from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at Fighter Practice Park, Battan Park at the NW corner of Lomas and Carlisle. There will also be a couple of hours of informal court dancing at the Coronation event, on Saturday, 11/13 in the afternoon in the Ballroom of the Student Union Building at UNM. That evening there will also be some court dancing as part of the entertainment after the feast and evening court. There will be three hours or more of court dance classes at the al-Barran Day of A&S event, on Saturday, 11/20 at Highland High School (see article elsewhere) and then in the evening, there will be a court dance ball from 7pm to about 9:30pm. There will also be populace court dancing the next day, 11/21 at the Toys for Tots event at Battan Park.

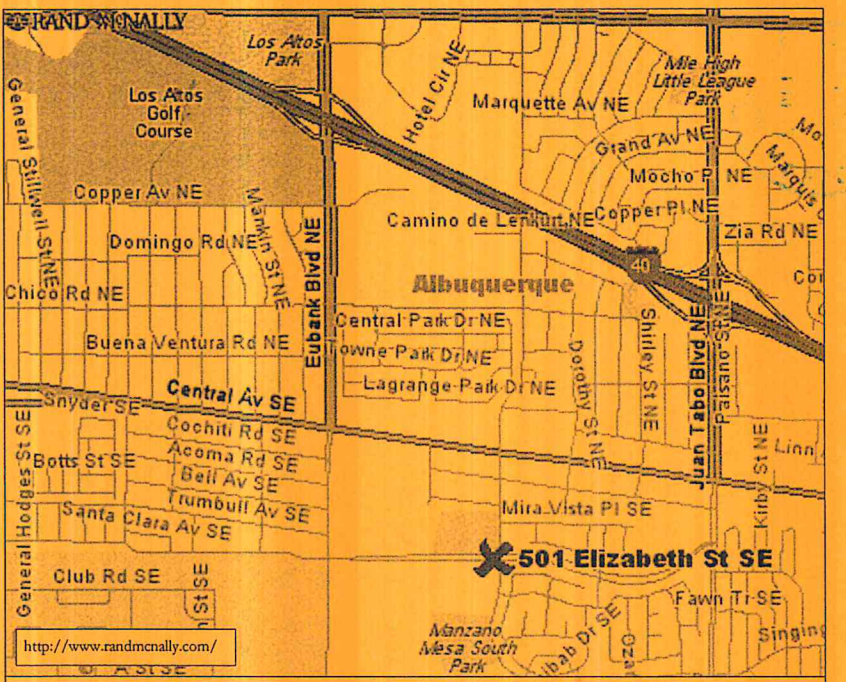
Everyone, age 7 and up, is welcome at these free court dance practices. We also have a discussion/information list for al-Barran court dancers and musicians at www.groups.yahoo.com which we encourage you to join. Just go to that website and search for alBarranMusic_Dance and then click on "Join" to join this free discussion list, which will give you the latest information concerning court dancing and music practices in al-Barran. A private discussion list has been created for those who are interested in the 2005 Estrella War European Dance Competition for the A&S war point. Please contact Lady Barbara, at 293-7453 or at krege@aps.edu if you wish to be a member of this discussion list, which will keep you informed as to support, competition rules, dance practices, etc. with regard to this War effort.

Yours in service to the dream,
Lady Barbara

Citizen's Meeting

The Citizen's Meeting has moved! The NEW LOCATION is the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. There will be a Citizen's meeting on October 19th. The citizen's meeting are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month beginning at 6:30 pm. Please contact the Seneschal, Master James David 830-6904, for further information.

Driving Directions:
Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit (No. 165). Turn south onto Eubank Blvd. Continue onto Eubank Blvd past Central Avenue. Turn left onto Southern Avenue. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth.



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